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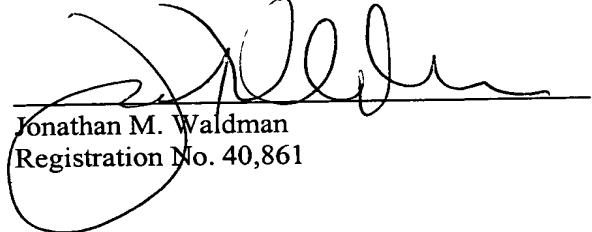
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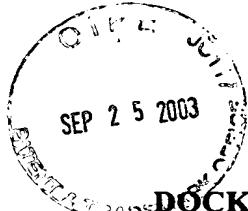
The Montgomery reference (U.S. Pat. 5,781,620) was cited by the Examiner himself in two subsequent Office Actions dated December 31, 2002 and June 19, 2003, so it will not be necessary for the Examiner to initial the Montgomery reference.

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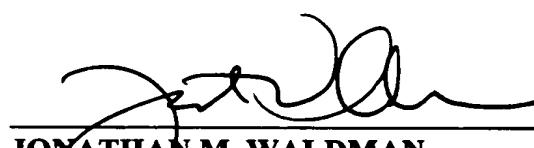
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Attached is a copy of **International Search Report for PCT/US01/30144**, dated **April 23, 2002**, which indicates the documents considered to be relevant and, where appropriate, the relevant passages and claim numbers.

Reference AB is the only reference not in the English language; therefore, an English language abstract has been provided. All other references are in the English language.

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